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UMMC SPORTS MEDICINE PHYSICIAN INDUCTED INTO ACADEMY

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JACKSON, Miss. – Dr. Steve Watts, an associate professor of medicine and a primary care sports medicine physician, was inducted as a fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons (AAOS) during ceremonies at the academy's 2011 annual meeting Feb. 15 in San Diego, Calif.

Watts was one of 667 new members inducted. The AAOS has more than 36,000 members worldwide. The academy is the largest medical association for musculoskeletal specialists. It is a not-for-profit organization that provides education programs for orthopedic surgeons, allied health professionals and the public.

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